Attacks on Hindu Temples in Pakistan

183. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:

SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some Hindu temples in Hyderabad (Sind) in Pakistan besides some shops and houses owned by Hindus there were attacked recently and that the Indian Consulate General in Karachi became a target of an explosive device;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) Reports emanating from Pakistan in May—June, 1987 indicate that there have been attacks on Hindu temples as well as on shops and properties belonging to the Hindu community in Sind.

An explosive device was thrown at the Consulate General of India in Karachi on May 27, 1987. While there were no casualties, the roof of the waiting area for visa applicants was damaged.

(c) Government considers it to be the responsibility of the Government of Pakistan to provide full protection to the minority communities in Pakistan as well as to our Missions located there.

The attack on the Consulate General of India in Karachi was taken up with the Government of Pakistan which expressed deep regret at the incident, ordered a detailed investigation and assured full protection for the safety and welfare of our officials.

Non-payment of employees' contribution towards Provident Fund Accounts by certain industrial Houses/companies in West Bengal

184. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the West Bengal Government publication, "Labour in West Bengal 1986" wherein it has been pointed out that 78 industrial houses/companies have not paid the share of employees' contribution amounting to Rs. 86 crores towards their provident fund accounts; and

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P.A. SANGMA): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of Rajya Sabha.

Punjab Accord

185. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state at what stage does the implementation of Punjab Accord rest now particularly in the context of the Haryana Government's unambiguous rejection of the Accord?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): The Government has not received any communication from the Government of Haryana regarding rejection of the Punjab Accord. Out of 11 items in the Memorandum of Settlement, 8 items (compensation to innocent persons Killed) (item: 1); Army recruitment (item: 2); Inquiry into November incidents (item: 3); Rehabilitation of those discharged from Army (item: 4) Disposal of pending cases (item: 6) Centre-State Relations (item: 8); Representation of Minorities (item: 10)